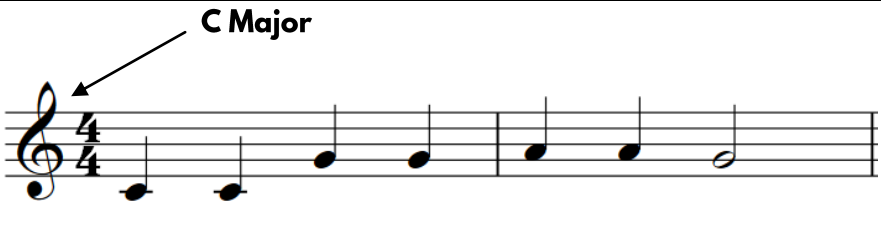
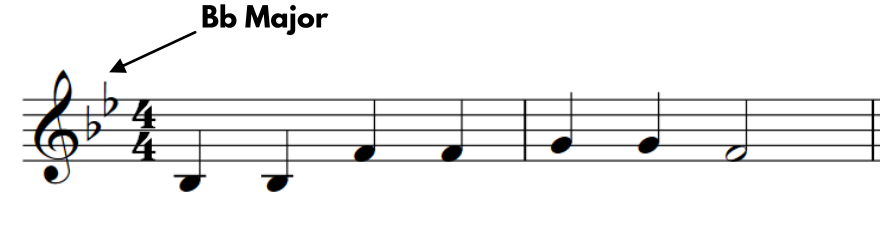


Transposition

(B \flat Instruments)

- **Some instruments (Clarinet and Trumpet) are pitched in B \flat , which means when they play their note C it sounds like a concert pitch B \flat**
- **We need to know how to transpose music that is in concert pitch into a different key so it sounds right when played on a B \flat instrument, and vice versa**

What a B\flat Instrument would play:	
How it sounds in concert pitch:	

- **Music played on a B \flat instrument sounds a Major 2nd lower in concert pitch (2 semitones, 1 whole tone)**
- **This means that the key signature is also different**
- **In the example above, B \flat Major is a Major 2nd lower than C Major, so that is the key of the concert pitch version**

How To Transpose from Bb pitch to Concert Pitch

- Work out what key the original passage is in
- Work out what a Major 2nd below that key is
- Make a chart and write out the scale of the Bb pitch key
- Underneath, write out the concert pitch scale—the notes should all be a Major 2nd lower than the Bb pitch scale

Bb pitch Key = G major



A musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a piano (p) dynamic. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, G4. The staff ends with "etc." and a fermata over the final G.

Bb pitch Key	G major	G	A	B	C	D	E	F#	G
Concert Pitch Key	F major	F	G	A	Bb	C	D	E	F

Concert pitch Key = F major



A musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb). The melody starts with a piano (p) dynamic. The notes are F4, G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, Eb4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, Eb4, F4. The staff ends with "etc." and a fermata over the final F.

- Notice that every time there is an accidental (sharp, flat or natural that is not in the key signature) in the Bb version, we need to use one in the Concert pitch version

How To Transpose from Concert Pitch to Bb Pitch

- Follow the steps above, but work out what key is a Major 2nd above (higher) than the concert pitch key